

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-13. In an effort to expedite prosecution, Applicants cancelled Claim 14 and reserve the right to file a divisional or continuation application directed to any unclaimed subject matter therein. Applicants believe this renders moot the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. § 112 (1<sup>st</sup> Par.) rejection. Accordingly, Applicants have not provided herein any remarks rebutting the rejection.

At this time, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner rejoin Claims 15-33 for consideration of allowance. The withdrawn claims depend from the allowed product claims and are commensurate in scope with the allowed product claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments herein above, and an early and favorable allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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